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For: NOVEL SMALL NUCLEAR RNA VECTORS  
AND USES THEREFOR

**REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action, mailed January 10, 2006, in connection with the above application. A Petition for a three-month extension of time and appropriate fees are filed concurrently herewith. A Notice of Appeal is also filed concurrently. Reconsideration and further examination are requested. Please enter the following amendments:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.